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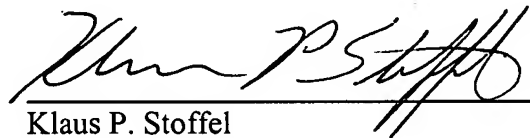
The present amendment is submitted prior to the issuance of a first Office Action and simultaneously with the filing of the present application.

With this amendment applicants have canceled claims 1-13, added new independent claim 14, added new dependent claims 15-27, all in an effort to place the application in better condition for examination.

Favorable action on the present application is respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

Respectfully submitted,

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